

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF EGREMONT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
5 APRIL 2016**

**ATTENDING: MRS. L. ALLEN, MR. M. BANDZIERZ, MR. T. BERKEL, MR. E. SCARBRO, MR. E. SWANSON**

**ABSENT: MR. R. NOVECK**

**OTHERS ATTENDING: Mr. K. Zurrin, Mr. R. Allen, Ms. S. Batchelder**

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 4:14 PM o'clock, Chairwoman Laura Allen presiding.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
  - a. Dated 15 March 2016, approved 4 Yes, 0 No (1 abstain)**
  - b. Dated 4 April 2016, approved 5 Yes, 0 No (1 absent)**
- 3. NOTICES: None**
- 4. HANDOUTS:**
  - a. Budget requests (several)**
  - b. Special Warrant Articles (drafts)**
  - c. Historical Commission Application**
  - d. Town Department Revenue Reports**
  - e. Schedule A Budget Requests Summary**
- 5. BUDGETS:**
  - a. Mr. Swanson recommended that there be made available financial and accounting support for the various department heads in the preparation of and tracking and management of budgets through the year. He expressed a belief that while the department heads are capable of their core responsibilities, it may be not practicable to expect they will have all the financial and accounting skills needed.**
  - b. There was some discussion about the proposed SBRSD school budget for FY 2017. Mr. Berkel reviewed the answers the Committee received from the SBRSD Superintendents Office. There was some discussion about the budget, how it was unfavorably viewed by Mr. Flynn (BOS and School Committee Representative) and some expressions favoring not recommending the budget. Mrs. Allen said the Committee could wait and give a recommendation at the meeting.**
  - c. Several requests were considered by the Committee and the associated votes are recorded on the Budget Summary (attached).**
- 6. OFFICIALS: None**
- 7. CITIZEN: None**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS: None**
- 9. OLD BUSINESS: None**
- 10. There being no further business to come before the Committee it was excused and did so ADJOURNED: 6:10 PM o'clock.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Thomas Berkel, Secretary  
Egremont Finance Committee**

***These Minutes Approved: 26 APRIL 2016. 4 YES, 0 NO, 1 Abstain***